

Notification of RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of Palmas del Ixcán Limitada, Guatemala
RSPO Membership: 2-0809-17-000-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Palmas del Ixcán Limitada of Guatemala has commissioned SCS Global Services to conduct an RSPO Re-Certification Assessment of its palm oil mill and supply base located near Finca Victoria, Aldea Isla del Norte, Transversal del Norte km 476, Chisec, Alta Verapaz, 16013, Guatemala. The assessment will be conducted of 1 Palm Oil Mill and 4 Oil Palm Plantations, 0 Outgrowers, 0 Scheme Smallholders.

SCS Global Services plans to conduct the Re-Certification assessment of the Palmas del Ixcán Limitada mill from **January 6-10, 2025**. The assessment will be conducted against the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil requirements, including the Principles & Criteria (RSPO P&C 2018 including Supply Chain requirement for mills), using as reference the National Interpretation of the P&Cs for the **Guatemala/2021**.

The assessment will cover legal, environment, economical, workers' health and safety, and social aspects as required by the RSPO Principles & Criteria. Below is general information related to the certification unit.

Palmas del Ixcán Limitada	
Description	Mill and Supply base
Mill Name	Palmas del Ixcán Limitada
PalmTrace ID	RSPO_PO1000008418
Mill Capacity (tonnage/hour)	60 mt/hr
Supply Chain Model	MB
Address	Finca Victoria, Aldea Isla del Norte, Transversal del Norte km 476, Chisec, Alta Verapaz, 16013, Guatemala
GPS Reference (Palm Oil Mill)	Lat 15.990556; Long - 90.466861
CPO Tonnage (Projection 2025)	7,044.15 (24.50 %)
PK Tonnage (Projection 2025)	1,437.58 (5%)
FFB Tonnages (Projection 2025)	28,751.63

Farms	Location	GPS Coordinates	Planted Area		Certified Area (ha)	Annual FFB Projection (MT)
			Mature Palm (ha)	Immature Palm (ha)		
Victoria	Alta Verapaz	15.987903, -90.468017	205.41	15.43	658.72	5,086.67
Ixcán 1	Quiché	16.041100, -90.482717	518.21	47.78	689.51	13,678.12
Ixcán 2	Quiché	16.063513, -90.526259	255.52	100.42	509.66	8,214.15
Magdalena	Alta Verapaz	15.985114, -90.303475	0	386.16	514	1,772.69
TOTAL			979.14	549.79	2,371.89	28,751.63

New Planting Procedure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
NPP Reference Number		
Country of the NPP submission		

Name of Management Unit:	
Name(s) of Estate(s) covered under this management plan	
Location of NPP area	
Address of NPP area	
GPS Reference	
Total area as per permit	
Area for new planting	
Date of Completion	

RACP Procedure			<input type="checkbox"/> (Check if N/A)
Liability disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Palmas del Ixcán Limitada	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Annex 2 disclosure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Palmas del Ixcán Limitada	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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SCS Global Services has appointed the following team for the assessment of Palmas del Ixcán Limitada:

Name	Role	Qualification and Experience
Carlos Rincón	Lead auditor	<p>Qualifications: Environmental engineer, specialist in project evaluation and management.</p> <p>Training: RSPO P&C v2018 Lead Auditor Course, RSPO SCCS v2020 Lead Auditor Course, HSEQ Auditor, Diploma in promoting the formalization of employment, safety and health at work in the palm oil sector (ILO).</p> <p>Work experience: more than 10 years of experience in the Colombian oil palm sector, contributing to the consolidation of the productive and sustainable agribusiness. Mainly from two roles; as a professional in sustainability associated with the implementation of sustainability standards in cultivation and mills, as well as, member of the Colombian palm oil research center, as a developer of strategies, methods, tools and sustainability projects for the national scale sector.</p>
Josue Teo Molina	Team auditor	<p>Education: Agricultural Engineer, specialization in Agricultural Production Systems</p> <p>Trainings attended: ISO 9001 (2021). ISO 14001 (2021). ISO 45001 (2021). RSPO Principles and Criteria Lead Auditor (2023). Specialization in Environmental Management and Environmental Impact Instruments</p>

		<p>(2019). USDA Grower Training on the FSMA Produce Safety Rule, United States Department of Agriculture. (2018). HACCP / NSF International (2014). "HACCP and GFSI approved schemes" / Agexport Guatemalan Exporters Association (2014). Registered Trainer and Auditor GlobalG.A.P. (2014).</p> <p>Working experience: 13 years of experience in agricultural production, management support, monitoring, planning and implementation of projects, improvement of agricultural production systems and monitoring of agreements, 4 years of experience in Environmental Instruments, 7 years of experience in the Palm Oil Industry, 4 years of experience as internal auditor and consultant RSPO P&C V. 2018 Fluent in English and Spanish.</p>
Joel Argueta	Team auditor	<p>Education: Agronomy Engineering, Master- Social Management.</p> <p>Trainings attended: RSPO Lead Auditor Update P&C v.2018, RSPO V2020 Lead Auditor in Supply Chain, ISCC EU and PLUS Basic training, ISO 9001: 2008 Auditor/ Lead Auditor, QMS LEAD AUDITOR ISO 9001:2015 TRAINING COURSE, Internal auditing in a quality management system ISO 19011, Rainforest Alliance auditor, Utz Certified Auditor, RSPO ISH Standards Training, Fundamentals of Occupational Safety and Health in Agroindustry. Bonsucro Production Standard v5.1 Technical Training. SA8000 Basic Auditor course.</p> <p>Working experience: Rainforest Alliance audits to groups and farms, Rainforest Alliance chain of custody audits, RSPO P&C audits, verification of implementation of sustainability policies of palm oil purchasing companies. Bonsucro audits. 11 years' experience in Palm Oil Industry.</p>
América Gonzalez	Team auditor	<p>Education: Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering Specialist.</p> <p>Trainings attended: SA 8000 Social Responsibility lead auditor course (2021), RSPO Independent Small Holder (2022), RSPO P&C lead auditor course 2018 (2021 and 2023), RSPO SCCS lead auditor course (2020), ISCC EU and PLUS (2020), BONSUCRO P&C + SCCS (2020), COVID-19 response protocols (2020), Industrial Safety and Occupational Health Management (2019), ISO 9001:2015 ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018 lead auditor (2018), Environmental Impact Assessment (2009 -2012).</p> <p>Working experience: 12 years of experience in management systems, team leader, legal compliance assessments, environmental impact assessment and wastewater management. 7 years of experience as an environmental consultant registered with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala. One year of experience in carbon footprint calculation. Registered with the Guatemalan Ministry of Labor as a health and safety professional. She fluent in Spanish and English.</p>

SCS Global Services invites stakeholders to provide written comments on any of the following issues related to the operations of Palmas del Ixcán Limitada, particularly related to social and environmental impacts.

Topics that you may wish to comment on are as follows:

- Environmental Protection
- Biodiversity conservation

- Opportunity for employment
- Company approach to community development
- Your relationship with the company
- Participation in decision making
- Free, prior and informed consent
- Suggestion for improvement

Comments received within 30 days from the date of this notification will be considered during the certification assessment.

Please include the following details in case we need to contact you for additional information or clarification on any issued raised:

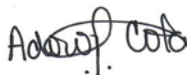
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 Phone number: _____

If you wish your comments to be treated confidentiality or remain anonymous, please indicate 'CONFIDENTIAL' in your correspondence to us. Please send comments to:

<p>Ms. Adriana Cala RSPO P&C Technical Manager SCS Global Services 2000 Powell Street, Suite 600 Emeryville, CA 94608 USA Tel: +1.786.281.2707 Email: acala@scsglobalservices.com</p>	<p>And/or</p>	<p>Mr. Luis Oliva Administrative and Sustainability Manager Agroindustria Palmera San Román S. A. 5ta. Av. 5-55, Zone 14, Europlaza Building, Tower 3, Level 11, Office 1102. Guatemala City. Tel: +502 2328-3700 Email: loliva@palmasdelixcan.com</p>
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Thank you for your comments and feedback.

Sincerely,



Adriana Cala
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